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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require certain additional budgetary information to be included in the annual report submitted to Congress on the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Missed Opportunities
5 in Veterans Affairs Act of 2017".

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that the Department
3 of Veterans Affairs was established to assist veterans and
4 provide them with services, as necessary and as Congress
5 sees fit.

6 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
7 gress that—

8 (1) veterans should be provided ample access to
9 the necessary resources that will help them re-
10 integrate as civilians and continue to contribute
11 positively to our society;

12 (2) United States fiscal policy should ensure
13 that there are always adequate resources to provide
14 quality and timely support, services, and care for
15 those who protect and serve the country; and

16 (3) the Department of Veterans Affairs should
17 provide an account of all denied funding that was re-
18 quested to assist veterans programs concerning
19 health care, research, career development, continued
20 education, and for other purposes.

21 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY INFORMATION TO BE IN-**
22 **CLUDED IN ANNUAL REPORT ON DEPART-**
23 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

24 Section 529 of title 38, United States Code, is
25 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the
2 end;

3 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
4 graph (4); and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
6 lowing new paragraph (3):

7 “(3) account for any denial of funding for the
8 fiscal year for any construction project of the De-
9 partment of Veterans Affairs or for any program
10 aimed at helping veterans access resources, including
11 health care, career support, resources for homeless
12 veterans, and research on such issues; and”.